CORRECTED FISCAL NOTE HB 312 - SB 1538

March 13, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases from \$4.00 to \$6.00 the filing fee for notices charged by appellate court clerks.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

On March 9, 2007, we issued a fiscal note which indicated an increase in state revenues – Net Impact - \$ 115,600 State Court System. Other Fiscal Impact – An additional \$129,700 will be transferred from the Indigent Criminal Defense Fund to operation of the State Court System and \$8,500 will be transferred from the general fund to operation of the State Court System. Based on the additional information provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts, the estimated fiscal impact of this bill is:

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Increase State Revenues - Net Impact - \$ 115,600 State Court System

Other Fiscal Impact – An additional \$129,700 will be transferred from the State Prosecutions Fund to operation of the State Court System and \$8,500 will be transferred from the general fund to operation of the State Court System.

Assumptions:

- In FY05-06, the Appellate Court Clerk's Office generated 141,000 notices. In 10 percent of the non-criminal filings, the fee will not be collected due to indigency. This estimate assumes the same number of notices with the increased fee would generate an additional \$253,800 in revenues (\$2.00 x 141,000 x 90%).
- No exemption in the bill for cases funded through the Indigent Criminal Defense Fund or for appeals filed by state agencies.
- The Administrative Office of the Courts estimates that of the total of \$253,800, \$129,720 (46% x \$282,000) will be collected from the State Prosecutions Fund and \$8,460 (3% x \$282,000) will be collected from other state agencies. Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-21-501(b), these funds will be designated for operation of the state court system.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director